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Tax Deal Unraveling

An agreement among Kansas legislators on cutting income taxes appears to be unraveling.

Senate President Steve Morris, a moderate Hugoton Republican, said Thursday he doesn't like the plan because he sees it as too aggressive. Morris says he believes it could lead to future budget problems.

Conservative Republicans in the Kansas House grumbled Thursday that the proposal drafted by House and Senate negotiators is not aggressive enough. It reduces individual income tax rates and phases out income taxes for 191,000 businesses.

The House kept the process moving forward late Thursday afternoon by voting 66-49 to suspend a rule requiring all negotiators to sign off a compromise proposal. The Senate must approve the same motion to keep the compromise alive.

Democrats don't like the proposal, fearing it will lead to budget cuts.

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